GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ADMISSION OF DISABLED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by the Government for admission of disabled and spastic children to the neighbourhood schools;

(b) whether the Government proposes to announce special scholarship for such students;

(c) if so,the details thereof alongwith the financial allocation and utilization during each of the last three years and in the current year; and

(d) the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

a) A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage' (IEDSS) has been launched in September,2008 to replace the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).The new scheme aims to cover the disabled children pursuing studies at secondary stage (classes IX-XII) in government,local body angovernment-aided schools.

b) Under the scheme of IEDSS,States are expected to provide Rs.600.00 per child per annum as scholarship to the eligible disabled children,in addition to the Central assistance averaging Rs.3000.00 per child per annum for various activities.

C)&d) The scheme has been recently launched and the States have been requested to take necessary preparatory activities,set up required administrative structure and to make necessary provisions in the State budget to implement the scheme.As the States are in the process of building appropriate infrastructure,no funds have been released to them under the new scheme.However,under the existing scheme of "Integrated Education for the Disabled Children",the budget provisions for 2005-06,2006-07,2007-08 and 2008-09 have been Rs.45.00 crores,Rs. 60.00 crores,Rs. 120.00 crores and Rs.70.00 crores respectively and the utilisation has been to the extent of Rs. 41.48 crores,Rs. 51.29 crores,Rs. 76.11 crores and Rs.40.18 crores(till 12.12.2008) respectively.The number of disabled children benefited under the scheme for 2005-06,2006-07 and 2007-08 have been 2.11 lakh, 2.83 lakh and 3.57 lakh respectively.